

Docket No.: 114232.109

PATENT 13/03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Leland SHAPIRO

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

For:INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF HERPES VIRUSES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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-- This application claims priority to US Provisional Application No. 60/123,167 filed March

5, 1999 and US Provisional Application No. 60/153,942 filed September 3, 1999 both of which are

hereby incorporated by reference.--

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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